LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE COLLABORATION (MOU) BETWEEN ACHARYA NAGARJUNA UNIVERSITY, INDIA AND METTU UNIVERSITY, ETHIOPIA

Subject to the education policies of India and Ethiopia, in order to promote collaboration(MOU) and interest on research between Acharya Nagarjuna University, India and Mettu University, Ethiopia. The both parties hereby agree that the letter of intent to this work will serve as a general framework for cooperation to be held as follows:

1) Co-operate in the training program of innovation, incubation and education;
2) Exchange of information resources and publications;
3) Organization of seminars, workshops, research conferences together;
4) Exchange of teaching staff and research scholars;
5) Transfer of sharing expertise and technology innovation and commercialization of products;
6) Visit cooperation by officials of both parties for the development of human capital

Both parties will appoint a coordinator from each party for the implementation of joint activities.

Both parties must understand that any activities to be performed, all costs and liabilities shall be considered and discussed with and depend on the resources available in their institutions.

The parties to this letter of collaboration signing in on Date: 05/01/2022

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Mettu University

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Acharya Nagarjuna University

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Introduction

This Agreement is attached to and a part of the Memorandum of Understanding between Mettu University (MeU), Mettu, Ethiopia and Acharya Nagarjuna University (NU), Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. India. Both institutions shall, on the basis of reciprocity, support and promote the spirit of this agreement to encourage academic collaboration and to facilitate as much as possible the academic progress.

1. MeU Background

Mettu University is one of Ethiopian Public Universities established in Oromia Regional State in Ilu Ababor Zone in ever green Natural Environment in Mettu town. Mettu is located 600km away from the capital city of the country to the South West. Mettu is located at latitude and longitude of 8^0 18^0 N 35 ^{0} E/ 8.300^0 N and an altitude of 1605 meters (5,266 ft). The area of the town is highly productive environment for Spices, coffee, vegetables, fruits and different types of cereals.

The university is laid on a land covered above 243 hectares and contains more than 180 different buildings with its expansions in its main compass Mettu, 86 hectare in Bedele at its College of Agriculture and Forestry and in Gore Teaching Referral Hospital which is going to start its construction very soon.

After its establishment in the ever green area, the university has started its teaching learning activity by taking 300 freshmen students in under graduate programs under Engineering and Technology, and Natural and Computational Science Faculties in 2011 G.C.
Mettu University is led by President and four Vice Presidents; Vice President for Academic affairs, Vice President for Administrative and Students' Affairs, Vice President for Business and Development and Research, Community Service and Collaboration Vice President.

Currently, the university is enrolling more than 13000 students in different under graduate and post graduate programs in different disciplines under 7 colleges and one school of which 70% of them are attending science and technology fields. Under these colleges and school; there are 46 departments in under graduate and 18 departments in Post Graduate programs. It has also been conducting community based activities and researches that solve societal problems. It also

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established Community based Radio to deliver recent activities of the University to the community directly.

Since its establishment the University has graduated more 8000 students in the last seven years (2006-2012).

The University is planning to open additional fields of study in the coming academic year both in under graduate and post graduate programs.

Mission

- Offering quality education to produce competent graduate,
- Conducting need based researches and providing Multidimensional services to the community that alleviate societal problems.

Vision

- To be one of the top ten Universities by offering quality education in Ethiopia.

Institutional cooperation will create strong bond which can promote to work in areas that help the two universities progress towards effective achievements. Accordingly, by this MoU the two institutions will enter to general agreement that develop academic, educational, research and community service cooperation.

Now, therefore, the parties to this MoU mutually agree upon the following terms.

GENERAL GUIDELINE OF THE MOU

Article 1 Legal Framework of Both Universities

The President of Mettu University and the Vice Chancellor of Acharya Nagarjuna University may, in accordance to their respective laws, initiate agreements with foreign institution of higher education to enhance international relations and understanding through programs of academic exchange and to further contribute to the achievement of their goals and objectives.

Article2. Mettu University and Nagarjuna University common interest and objectives

By the reason of their very essence as universities, Mettu University and Acharya Nagarjuna University share interests and objectives in academic exchange and scientific research matters. Both

institutions are interested in establishing academic cooperation agreements with institutions of similar nature in order to assist in the achievement of their goals and objectives in such matters. Mettu University has special interest in staff capacity building, experience sharing in pastoral and agro pastoral education and engineering and technology and other fields, which may focus on the technical aspects of the areas.

Article 3 Purpose of the Agreement: (BASIC AREAS OF COOPERATION)

Mettu University and Acharya Nagarjuna University agree to subscribe to a cooperative agreement in order to promote the following activities between both the Universities.

A. Exchange of teaching and research personnel
B. Exchange of students for experience sharing.
C. Sharing of the digital resource material like books, references periodicals, journals and literature for teaching and research purposes.
D. Cooperative development of courses and academic programs.
E. Development of joint scientific and /or collaborate research projects.
F. Scholarship and fellowship chances/provisions especially in P.G and Ph.D. program.
G. Sharing the best practices for the development of the university community Services.
H. Exchange the trainers to train the trainee programs on skill development.
I. Cooperation between Universities in establishing smart class rooms.
J. Support from one University to another in Technology transfer as a gesture of cooperation.
K. Any other activity of mutual interest regarding academic, scientific, and technological research matters.

Article 4 Execution of the Agreement:

The specific activities to be carried out under this agreement will be started in corresponding specific sub agreements, once approved by both parties, will be attached as annexes to this agreement.

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Article 5 Specific Agreements:

The specific sub agreements between both Universities will specify their objectives, conditions and ways of execution, financial support, term of validity and administrative responsibility within each institution.

Article 6 Budget

6.1. All specific programs or activities implemented under the terms of this Memorandum of understanding shall be mutually agreed upon in writing, including the necessary budget for the program.

6.2. Each of the participating institutions shall be fully responsible financially for the activities carried out under its direction or by its staff, except a s otherwise agreed by the parties.

Article 7 Coordination and Follow Up

7.1. The institutions will agree to designate coordinators or officers who will develop and coordinate specific programs or activities between them on each specific term of agreement.

7.2. Administration of the cooperative agreement shall be responsibility of the President of Mettu University and the Vice Chancellor of Acharya Nagarjuna University. These official representatives of both universities must approve any additions, changes, or deletions. All notices shall be inwriting and shall be directed to these individuals.

Article 8 Duration and Renewal of the Agreement

8.1. This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective immediately after signature by the representatives of both Universities Mettu and Nagarjuna for a period of three (3) years and is subject to revision or modification by mutual agreement.

8.2. The agreement can be renewed for additional five-year period by mutual consent of the parties

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Article 9 Amendments

9.1. This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by a written agreement signed by the representatives of both universities.

9.2. In the event of any unforeseen incident during collaborative activities in either country both universities agree to negotiate a mutually acceptable solution.

9.3. In cases where any disagreement arises out of the application, interpretation or implementation of this agreement, the universities shall endeavor to exercise best efforts to negotiate their differences.

Article 10 Termination of Agreement

This agreement may, at any time during its period of validity, be terminated by either patty upon prior notice to the other in writing not later than 6 months before termination date, provided that such termination shall not affect the completion of any program or activity underway at the time the notice of termination is given.

Article 11 Approval of MoU

The effective date of MoU starts on the date of agreement, the authorized representatives of Mettu University (MeU) and Nagarjuna University; after hereby affix signatures. This MoU is approved and signed on date 05/01 of 2022 by the officials of both the Universities.

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Approved for Mettu University

Signature of the president

Date

Endegena Abebe Gemta (PhD)

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President

To: **Acharya Nagarjuna University**

5/1/22

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Approved for Acharya Nagarjuna University

Signature of the vice chancellor

Date

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